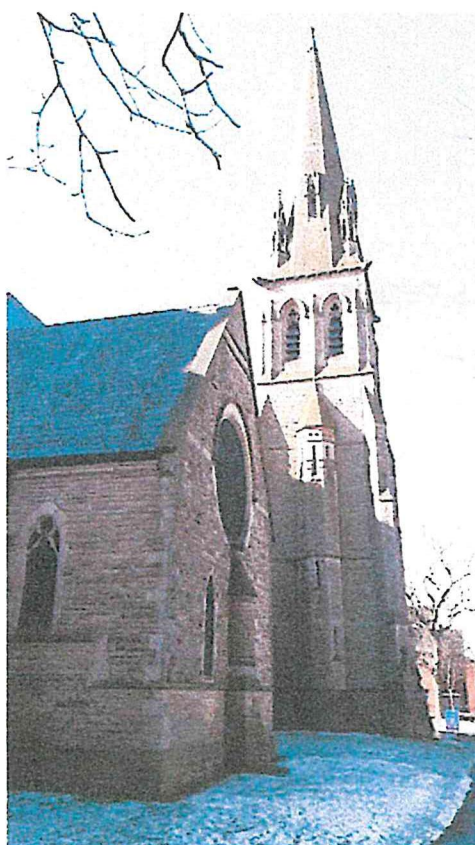


Trustees Annual Report

for the period of 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St. Mary Balderstone**



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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary Balderstone

Registration Number: 1199775

Address: St. Mary's Church,
Oldham Road,
Rochdale,
OL11 2HB.

Trustees:

Rev. Benjamin Michael Wilkinson	Vicar, Chair of Trustees
Rev. James Greenfield	Curate
Mrs. Jan McCabe	Churchwarden
Dr. Richard Shales	Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Representative
Mrs. Deborah May Butterworth	Deanery Synod Representative
Mrs. Catharine A. Flint	Elected Representative
Mrs. Sheila Christine Lowe	Elected Representative, PCC Secretary
Mr. Stephen Mason	Elected Representative
Mrs. Josephine Menmuir	Elected Representative

The Parochial Church Council is governed by the PCC Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules 2020 of the Church of England. Trustees / PCC Members are selected according to the Church Representation Rules 2020.

Church business is dealt with by the trustees of the charity (PCC). The PCC currently has nine members and two committees (Building Committee (responsible for overseeing and reporting back to the PCC in repair and maintenance of the church building) and Recruitment Committee (responsible for overseeing and reporting back to the PCC on the employment of church staff).

The church has a Safeguarding co-ordinator to oversee the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults within the church in accordance with Church of England rules. All adults who work with children in the church have DBS clearance and have completed the required Diocesan safeguarding training.

Financial review

Total receipts for the year were £64,220.40 (2022: £1,469,456.43) and after taking expenses of £82,740.25 (2022: £62,294.19) into account produced a deficit for the year of -£18,519.85 (2022: £1407,162.24). This resulted in total cash reserves at the end of the year of £1,422,209.81 (2022: £1,440,729.66)

The legacy received in 2022 was invested in the deposit account with the CCLA whilst a spending plan for the next 5 years was considered. Interest on this, after being used to support the maintenance of the general purposes of the charity, was added to the legacy reserves and reinvested.

During the year, the parish was able to pay 100% of its parish share.

The charity fulfils its objectives in the following ways:

Worship

Worship is held in accordance with the rules and traditions of the Church of England and is open to all who wish to attend. A service of worship is held each Sunday morning and Sunday School is held during these services on three Sundays a month with the fourth Sunday being an All-Age Worship service.

A weekly home bible study and monthly prayer meeting (in the Parish Room) are held for all who wish to attend. There is an additional option to participate on Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. In addition, daytime bible study is held in the Parish Room each week.

Thanksgiving and Baptism services take place within Sunday morning worship when all the church family are present. Services for Weddings and Funerals take place as requested throughout the year.

Outreach and Evangelism

The charity has a number of activities to which both members of the church and community are invited to take part:

Weekly Toddler Group (SMURFS) for pre-school children and their carers and includes play, craft, singing, friendship and fellowship.

Monthly Outreach Coffee Morning (advertised in local shops and library and by distribution of leaflets) for members of the church and community. An opportunity for friendship and fellowship for all ages and includes refreshments with craft and cakes available.

Monthly Women's Breakfast for women of the church and community. An opportunity for friendship and fellowship and includes breakfast and a short bible talk.

The charity supports mission partners through the Church Missionary Society and Crosslinks and also supports Christians Against Poverty, Oak Hill College and Tearfund.

The church held an Easter Experience Event for children of St. Mary's C of E Primary School, Balderstone and Sandbrook Community Primary School, Rochdale.

A Week of Outreach was held in the Spring with Rev. Tony Ford. Events that took place were an outreach Coffee Morning, Men's Quiz Night, Afternoon Tea and a Special Sunday Service followed by a Sharing Lunch and Family Fun Day.

The church also held an outreach Afternoon Tea at Fieldway sheltered housing complex and Carols at Christmas at Fieldway and Arnold Bagnall.

The church has a close relationship with the adjoining local school (St. Mary's C of E School Balderstone) which uses the Parish Room two days a week for school activities and when special courses are run. A whole school assembly is held each week in the church led by the Vicar or Curate. Special school celebration services to which parents are invited are also held in the church throughout the year.

The church also supports Rochdale Food Bank.

Pastoral Care

The charity has a Pastoral Care group with six leaders. Each leader is responsible for providing pastoral care to a number of church members and their families. This involves keeping in contact by telephone calls, visits, practical help as required and prayer. Pastoral care is also shown to the community with church flowers being distributed weekly to those who are ill, bereaved, with family problems, or housebound. Practical help is also available wherever possible. Prayer is an important part of this work and underpins all the pastoral care provided.

Volunteers

All the church activities, general maintenance, cleaning and administration are carried out by volunteers from the church family.

In order to support the mission of the church and improve contact availability the PCC opened a church office three mornings a week from January 2023. A part time church administrator, based in the office on these three mornings, was employed to carry out the additional administrative work necessary for a growing church.

Parochial Church Council decisions and discussions during 2023

The PCC has met on seven times during 2023 and the APCM took place in April. As of April 2023, there were fifty seven members of the Electoral Roll. Thirty four members lived in the Parish and twenty three were non-resident on the Parish.

The PCC approved the following:

Safeguarding Policy

Fitting of a kitchen hatch roller shutter

Appointment of Sidespersons

Appointment of Independent Examiner for the annual accounts 2023 & 2024

Appointment of a Building Committee

Appointment of a Recruitment Committee

Investment of some of the legacy money in a 5 year investment fund

Reserves Policy

Four Designated Funds

A budget for 2024

Financial support for young people wishing to go to Christian Summer Camp
Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022
Donation of £20,000 towards the cost of work to the roof of St. Mary's C of E Primary School
Balderstone
New online bank accounts with CAF
Quotations for surveys for the work on the church building
Contract for church grounds' maintenance
Resolution supporting biblical teaching on marriage
Installation of a defibrillator
Work on repairing the church building Phase 1
Recruitment of an assistant lay minister

The church complies with Data Protection legislation and completes the required annual audit

The Parish Share has been paid in full to the Diocese.

The quinquennial Inspection showed that a considerable amount of work is required on the church building to put it in good repair. The PCC approved the employment of a project manager who has now completed a feasibility study and estimates for the work involved. The PCC has carefully considered these and decided to go ahead with Phase 1 (External Work) which will begin in 2025 once the required Faculties have been obtained from the Diocese allowing the work.

Approved by the meeting of the P.C.C. at their meeting on 18th March 2024

and signed and dated on their behalf by Rev'd James Greenfield (Chair)

Signed: _____

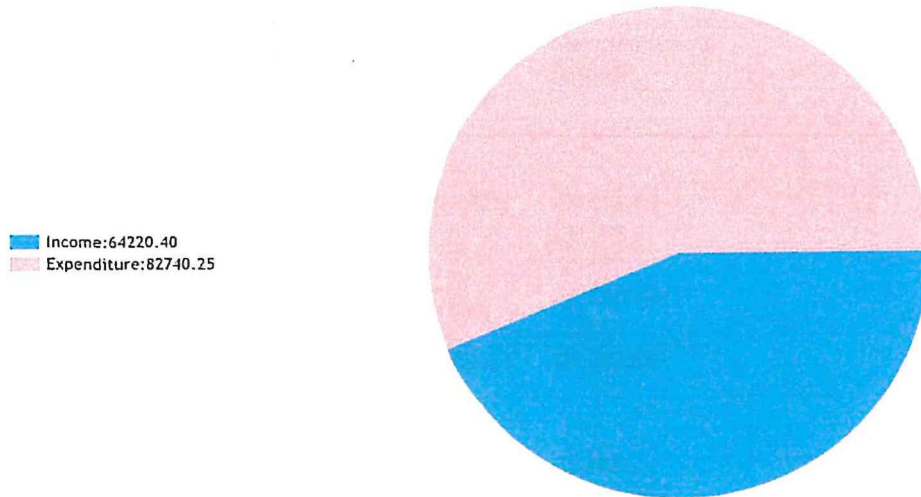


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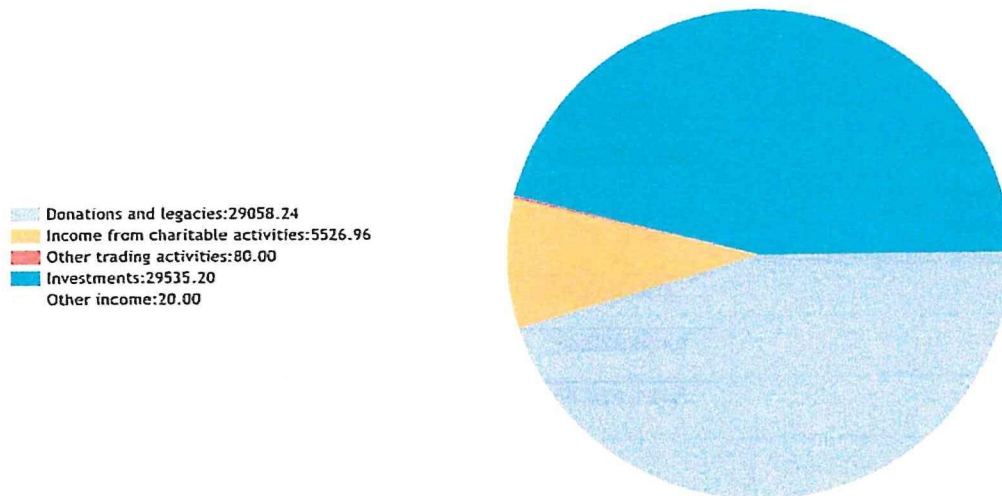
Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restrict ed funds	Endowmen t funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	27,971.28	1,086.96	-	29,058.24	1,462,468.38
Income from charitable activities	5,526.96	-	-	5,526.96	4,662.44
Other trading activities	80.00	-	-	80.00	50.00
Investments	29,532.39	2.81	-	29,535.20	1,758.61
Other income	20.00	-	-	20.00	517.00
Total income	63,130.63	1,089.77	-	64,220.40	1,469,456.43
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	305.31	-	-	305.31	301.17
Expenditure on charitable activities	81,166.17	1,268.77	-	82,434.94	61,993.02
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	81,471.48	1,268.77	-	82,740.25	62,294.19
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(18,340.85)	(179.00)	-	(18,519.85)	1,407,162.24
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,417,715.90	179.58	-	1,417,895.48	12,390.60
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,417,479.14)	(416.34)	-	(1,417,895.48)	(12,390.60)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(18,104.09)	(415.76)	-	(18,519.85)	1,407,162.24
Total funds brought forward	1,439,228.86	1,500.80	-	1,440,729.66	33,567.42
Total funds carried forward	1,421,124.77	1,085.04	-	1,422,209.81	1,440,729.66
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General Fund	27,735.33	-	-	27,735.33	1,436,756.81
Designated					
Building Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Coffee Morning	61.58	-	-	61.58	772.00
Hardship Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Legacy Fund	1,391,633.52	-	-	1,391,633.52	-
Reserve Fund	319.65	-	-	319.65	319.65
Smurfs	1,266.03	-	-	1,266.03	1,296.93
Womens Breakfast	108.66	-	-	108.66	83.47
Restricted					
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
Building Fund (RES)	-	-	-	-	1,358.61
Childrens Work	-	962.09	-	962.09	-
Church Fabric Repair Fund	-	122.95	-	122.95	142.19
Kitchen Refurbishment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	1,421,124.77	1,085.04	-	1,422,209.81	1,440,729.66

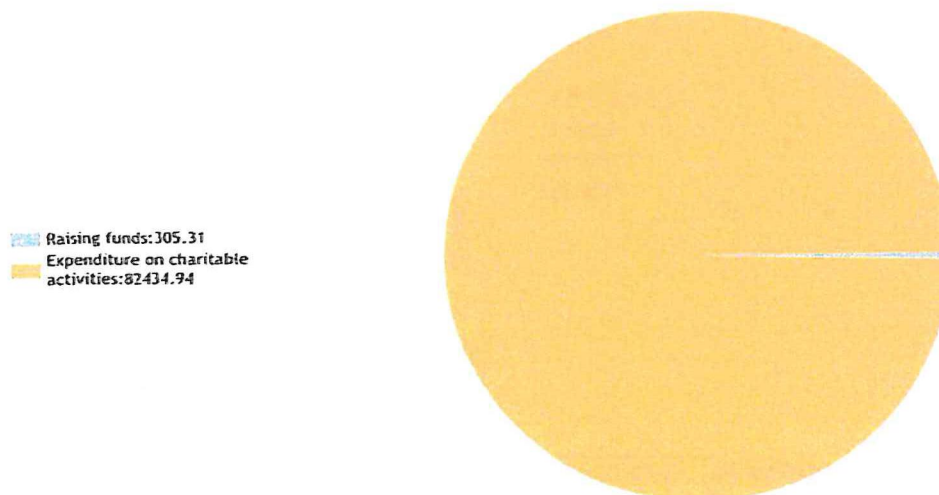
Statement of Financial Activities-Total Income vs Expenditure



Statement of Financial Activities-Income



Statement of Financial Activities-Expenditure



Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	1,422,264.81	1,440,941.66
	1,422,264.81	1,440,941.66
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	55.00	212.00
	55.00	212.00
Net current assets less current liabilities	1,422,209.81	1,440,729.66
Total assets less current liabilities	1,422,209.81	1,440,729.66
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	1,422,209.81	1,440,729.66
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	27,735.33	1,436,756.81
Designated		
Designated - Coffee Morning	61.58	772.00
Designated - Legacy Fund	1,391,633.52	-
Designated - Reserve Fund	319.65	319.65
Designated - Smurfs	1,266.03	1,296.93
Designated - Womens Breakfast	108.66	83.47
Restricted		
Restricted - Building Fund (RES)	-	1,358.61
Restricted - Childrens Work	962.09	-
Restricted - Church Fabric Repair Fund	122.95	142.19
Fund Totals	1,422,209.81	1,440,729.66

Approved by the meeting of the P.C.C. at their meeting on 18th March 2024

and signed and dated on their behalf by Rev'd James Greenfield (Chair)

Signed: 

Date: 18/3/24

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: General Account	14,563.19	-	55.00	-	14,618.19	530,615.81
6502: St Mary's Building Account	-	-	-	-	-	2,717.21
6505: Savings Account	4,458.76	55,445.52	-	-	59,904.28	906,081.05
6510: Discretionary Account	5.00	-	-	-	5.00	5.00
6515: Church Fabric account 124001253F	-	-	122.95	-	122.95	142.19
6520: Coffee morning account	-	61.58	-	-	61.58	-
6530: Smurfs Current 3472	-	-	-	-	-	819.14
6540: Smurfs Account 0760	-	-	-	-	-	331.81
6550: Smurfs Account 0779	-	-	-	-	-	1.63
6555: Smurfs Metro bank 8743	-	1,106.39	-	-	1,106.39	-
6560: Smurfs Cash in hand	-	149.64	-	-	149.64	134.35
6570: Smurfs Float	-	10.00	-	-	10.00	10.00
6580: Womens breakfast	-	108.66	-	-	108.66	83.47
6600: Childrens work account	-	-	962.09	-	962.09	-
6602: CCLA Deposit Account	8,708.38	1,336,507.65	-	-	1,345,216.03	-
Total	27,735.33	1,393,389.44	1,140.04	-	1,422,264.81	1,440,941.66

Liability - Agency Accounts

6699: Agency collections	-	-	55.00	-	55.00	212.00
Total	-	-	55.00	-	55.00	212.00

Net total assets	27,735.33	1,393,389.44	1,085.04	-	1,422,209.81	1,440,729.66
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Represented by

General (Unrestricted)	27,735.33	-	-	-	27,735.33	1,436,756.81
Designated - Breakfast	-	108.66	-	-	108.66	83.47
Designated - Coffee	-	61.58	-	-	61.58	772.00
Designated - LEGACY	-	1,391,633.52	-	-	1,391,633.52	-
Designated - RESERVE	-	319.65	-	-	319.65	319.65
Designated - Smurfs	-	1,266.03	-	-	1,266.03	1,296.93
Restricted - BUILDING (RES)	-	-	-	-	-	1,358.61
Restricted - Children	-	-	962.09	-	962.09	-
Restricted - Fabric	-	-	122.95	-	122.95	142.19
Total	27,735.33	1,393,389.44	1,085.04	-	1,422,209.81	1,440,729.66

Fund movement summary

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Breakfast							
Designated	83.47	446.63	421.44	-	-	-	108.66
Sub-totals	83.47	446.63	421.44	-	-	-	108.66
BUILDING (RES)							
Restricted	1,358.61	52.81	1,174.66	(236.76)	-	-	-
Sub-totals	1,358.61	52.81	1,174.66	(236.76)	-	-	-
Children							
Restricted	-	1,036.96	74.87	-	-	-	962.09
Sub-totals	-	1,036.96	74.87	-	-	-	962.09
Coffee							
Designated	772.00	1,146.58	1,085.00	(772.00)	-	-	61.58
Sub-totals	772.00	1,146.58	1,085.00	(772.00)	-	-	61.58
Fabric							
Restricted	142.19	-	19.24	-	-	-	122.95
Sub-totals	142.19	-	19.24	-	-	-	122.95
LEGACY							
Designated	-	20,823.38	40,308.70	1,411,118.84	-	-	1,391,633.52
Sub-totals	-	20,823.38	40,308.70	1,411,118.84	-	-	1,391,633.52
RESERVE							
Designated	319.65	-	-	-	-	-	319.65
Sub-totals	319.65	-	-	-	-	-	319.65
Smurfs							
Designated	1,296.93	1,217.50	1,248.40	-	-	-	1,266.03
Sub-totals	1,296.93	1,217.50	1,248.40	-	-	-	1,266.03
General							
Unrestricted							
Sub-totals	1,436,756.81	39,496.54	38,407.94	(1,410,110.08)	-	-	27,735.33
	1,436,756.81	39,496.54	38,407.94	(1,410,110.08)	-	-	27,735.33
Totals							
	1,440,729.66	64,220.40	82,740.25	-	-	-	1,422,209.81

Analysis of income and expenditure

						Total	
	Unrestricte d	Designate d	Restrict d	Endowmen t	This year	Last year	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies							
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	9,540.00	-	-	-	9,540.00	11,660.00	
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,520.00	-	-	-	1,520.00	2,330.00	
0201 - Other planned giving	3,735.20	-	-	-	3,735.20	3,779.00	
0301 - Loose plate collections	6,759.03	-	-	-	6,759.03	7,363.25	
0401 - Regular gift days	-	-	-	-	-	-	
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	22.00	-	-	-	22.00	-	
0550 - Donations appeals etc	-	-	1,036.96	-	1,036.96	15.00	
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	4,638.42	-	-	-	4,638.42	6,085.17	
0701 - Legacies	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	1,428,973.47	
0801 - Recurring grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	330.00	-	-	-	330.00	1,250.00	
0901 - Other funds generated	926.63	-	-	-	926.63	1,012.49	
1440 - Building Maintenance Donations	-	-	50.00	-	50.00	-	
Donations and legacies Totals	27,971.28	-	1,086.96	-	29,058.24	1,462,468.38	
Income from charitable activities							
0920 - Coffee morning donations	1,000.00	1,146.58	-	-	2,146.58	772.00	
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	85.00	-	-	-	85.00	501.00	
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	1,631.25	-	-	-	1,631.25	1,760.00	
1400 - Smurfs Subscriptions	-	273.44	-	-	273.44	167.46	
1410 - Smurfs bank interest	-	0.06	-	-	0.06	0.05	
1420 - Smurfs Grants	-	944.00	-	-	944.00	1,055.60	
1430 - Womens breakfast donations	-	446.63	-	-	446.63	406.33	
Income from charitable activities Totals	2,716.25	2,810.71	-	-	5,526.96	4,662.44	
Other trading activities							
0910 - Rummage sales etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	80.00	-	-	-	80.00	50.00	
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other trading activities Totals	80.00	-	-	-	80.00	50.00	
Investments							
1001 - Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1020 - Bank and building society interest	0.63	4,315.73	0.76	-	4,317.12	1,755.05	
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1340 - Interest Payment	8,708.38	16,507.65	2.05	-	25,218.08	3.56	
Investments Totals	8,709.01	20,823.38	2.81	-	29,535.20	1,758.61	

Other income

1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
1330 - Weddings/funerals/heating/clergy travel	20.00	-	-	-	20.00	517.00
1350 - Events and Fairs Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	20.00	-	-	-	20.00	517.00

Income and endowments Grand totals	39,496.54	23,634.09	1,089.77	-	64,220.40	1,469,456.43
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EXPENDITURE ON:**Raising funds**

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	-	-	-	-	-	-
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	-	-	-	-	-	-
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	305.31	-	-	-	305.31	301.17
1740 - Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	305.31	-	-	-	305.31	301.17

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	1,500.00	8,500.00	-	-	10,000.00	11,500.00
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1850 - Home mission	1,486.00	4,269.50	-	-	5,755.50	6,052.00
1870 - Secular charities	-	-	-	-	-	85.00
1901 - Stipends quota	-	-	-	-	-	-
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	14,040.00	-	-	-	14,040.00	12,750.00
2001 - Assistant staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	1,408.70	3,362.20	-	-	4,770.90	-
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	1,084.51	-	-	-	1,084.51	1,098.76
2120 - Council tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	1,703.77	-	-	-	1,703.77	1,701.84
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	-	-	-	-	-	-
2145 - Parsonage - water	-	-	-	-	-	-
2150 - Vicar's telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2170 - Education	-	-	-	-	-	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	25.00	-	-	-	25.00	-
2301 - Church running - insurance	5,657.88	-	-	-	5,657.88	5,143.74
2310 - Church office - telephone	457.56	-	-	-	457.56	313.40
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	-	-	-	-	-	-
2330 - Church maintenance	1,204.88	-	202.00	-	1,406.88	633.19
2331 - Cleaning	43.39	-	-	-	43.39	133.12
2340 - Upkeep of services	-	-	-	-	-	-
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	1,320.00	-	-	1,320.00	200.00
2360 - Administration	1,250.52	-	-	-	1,250.52	796.91
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	125.33	-	-	-	125.33	56.00
2401 - Church running - electric	969.23	-	-	-	969.23	(204.75)
2410 - Church running - gas	3,872.74	-	-	-	3,872.74	3,490.44
2420 - Church running - water	-	-	-	-	-	-
2430 - Church running - oil	-	-	-	-	-	-
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	-	-	-	-	-	-
2501 - Magazine expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2510 - Bookstall costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2515 - Coffee morning payments	-	1,085.00	-	-	1,085.00	772.00
2520 - Hall running - oil	-	-	-	-	-	-

2530 - Hall running - electricity	-	-	-	-	-	-
2540 - Hall running - gas	-	-	-	-	-	-
2550 - Hall running - insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	233.92	-	957.66	-	1,191.58	197.14
2570 - Hall running - telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2580 - Hall running - water	-	-	-	-	-	-
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	-	-	-	-	-	-
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	-	-	19.24	-	19.24	-
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	-
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	423.00	423.00	-	-	846.00	8,785.20
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	45.26	-	-	-	45.26	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-
2901 - New building parsonage house	-	-	-	-	-	-
2910 - New building house for curate	-	-	-	-	-	-
2920 - New building Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2930 - New building Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
2940 - Professional Fees	617.27	22,434.00	15.00	-	23,066.27	2,976.40
2950 - Contract Payments	818.50	-	-	-	818.50	815.00
2960 - Worship Expenses	130.40	-	-	-	130.40	1,192.46
2970 - Curate Expenses	629.17	-	-	-	629.17	249.92
2980 - Church Furnishings	149.50	-	-	-	149.50	1,620.40
2990 - Children's Work	166.10	-	74.87	-	240.97	98.63
3001 - Church Running - Refreshments/Church Catering	-	-	-	-	-	14.95
4000 - Smurfs Sundry	-	70.36	-	-	70.36	52.80
4010 - Smurfs Toys	-	132.40	-	-	132.40	202.99
4020 - Smurfs Stationery Postage	-	9.25	-	-	9.25	29.95
4030 - Smurfs Christmas party	-	69.94	-	-	69.94	31.86
4040 - Smurfs Summer trip	-	960.65	-	-	960.65	844.50
4050 - Smurf bank charges	-	5.80	-	-	5.80	35.40
4060 - Womens breakfast expenditure	-	421.44	-	-	421.44	323.77
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	38,102.63	43,063.54	1,268.77	-	82,434.94	61,993.02

Other expenditure

Other expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Expenditure Grand totals	38,407.94	43,063.54	1,268.77	-	82,740.25	62,294.19
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Funds reference:

As on 1st January 2024 St Mary's Balderstone will be operating the following funds:

All monies for this will be from the 2023 Legacy fund.

Fund	Initial balance:	Payments relating to:
Legacy building fund	£500,000	Phase 1 building project
Legacy staffing fund	£400,000	Additional staffing salaries/pensions/tax & NI (Parish Administrator & Assistant Lay Minister)
Legacy Community	£75,000	Contribution to school roof repairs

Projects		Other community projects as the PCC deems fit
Legacy Mission Partners fund	£75,000	Mission payments to Trumps Part funding to Oak Hill Theological College £3,500/ year to Testers (if continued)
Legacy reserves	£325,000	Not to be used: Deposited into investment fund for 5 years. Legacy interest to be added to it.
Legacy Fund	£30,000	Bookkeeping and MyGiving Online (Data Developments) Website (Rocksalt) Grounds maintenance (MDB Amenities) Support utilities costs (due to increased costs)

Note: the current building fund is almost empty, so all maintenance costs will need to be covered from the General fund once this fund is empty.

Independent Examiner's report

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission
(under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 19th March 2024

Signed: Alan A. Clement